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In re Application of:
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Application No.: 09/402,093

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Examiner: Elizabeth Slobodyansky, Ph.D.

Title: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING PEPTIDES USING A HELPER PEPTIDE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**
(37 C.F.R. § 1.121)

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed January 30, 2007, attached is a replacement page 11 of the Amendment filed January 16, 2007, wherein the status identifier of claim 96 has been changed to read: (currently amended). Additionally, replacement Figure 24A has been labeled as "REPLACEMENT SHEET" as required.

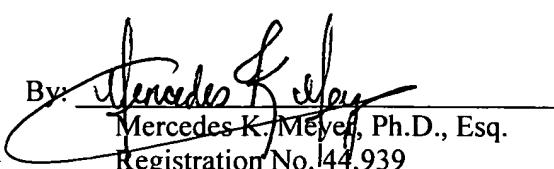
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In conclusion, this is believed to be in full response to the outstanding restriction requirement. Should any issues remain outstanding or if there are any questions concerning this paper, or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative at the Examiner's earliest convenience. Should any outstanding fees be owed or overpayments credited, the Commissioner is invited to charge or credit Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

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87. (withdrawn) The process according to claim 68, wherein the fusion protein consists of the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 22.

88. (withdrawn) The process according to claim 68, wherein the fusion protein comprises the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 23.

89. (withdrawn) The process according to claim 68, wherein the fusion protein consists of the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 23.

90. (withdrawn) The process according to claim 54 wherein the helper peptide comprises SEQ ID NO: 5.

91. (withdrawn) The process according to claim 54, wherein the helper peptide comprises SEQ ID NO: 8.

92. (withdrawn) The process according to claim 69, wherein the peptide of interest consists of the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 27.

93. (withdrawn) The process according to claim 54, wherein the protective peptide consists of amino acid numbers 1-98 of SEQ ID NO: 20.

94. (previously presented) The process according to Claim 54, wherein the peptide of interest is selected from the group consisting of the peptides of SEQ ID NOS: 27 to 70.

95. (previously presented) The process according to Claim 54, wherein the peptide of interest is selected from the group consisting of the peptides of SEQ ID NOS: 27 and 28.

96. (currently amended) The process according to Claim 54, wherein the peptide of interest comprises the peptide of SEQ ID NO: 28 ~~SEQ ID NO: 27~~.